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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 22 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Morning*	4054th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Sierra Leone

   Eighth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (S/1999/1003)

Morning**	4055th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. The adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Afghanistan

   Report of the Secretary-General (S/1999/994)

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* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4054th meeting.

(continued overleaf)

Morning*	4056th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. The adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Central African Republic

   Eighth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (S/1999/1038)

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4055th meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [100] (A/54/25 and Add.1, 80, 98, 212 and A/C.2/54/5)

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/54/131-E/1999/75)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114] (A/54/18*, A/54/98, A/54/299, A/54/347)
2. Right of peoples to self-determination [115] (A/54/98, A/54/118-S/1999/633, A/54/326, A/54/327)

   Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [169]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.4

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

   Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account

   Draft resolutions A/C.5/54/L.7 and A/C.5/54/L.11/Rev.1

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of Conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/53/833, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

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* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of the international criminal court [158] (PCNICC/1999/L.3/Rev.1, L.4/Rev.1 and L.4/Rev.1* (French only), A/54/98)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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* Following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Organizational matters *(continued)*

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations on agenda item 13 (g) (Transportation of dangerous goods) (E/1999/43 and E/1999/L.48) will take place *today*, 22 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Mr. Just Faaland, Chairman of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions on the report of the Committee (E/1999/33) and brief delegations on the future work programme of the Committee *today*, 22 October 1999, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 22 October 1999

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON
SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on Racism and Racial Discrimination)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:
ISLAMIC GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON
FIRST COMMITTEE MATTERS

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF
THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on International migration and implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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There will be a meeting of interested States on First Committee draft resolution under agenda item 76 (General and complete disarmament), organized by the delegation of Canada, *today*, 22 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place *today*, 22 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (a) (Law of the sea) will be held *today*, 22 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 25 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 38th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly: first report of the Credentials Committee (A/54/475) [3 (b)]
2. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/398 and Corr.1 (French only)) [7]
3. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/107) [17 (g)]
4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [29]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/308);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.12)
5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System [32]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/420);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.13)
6. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (b)]

Committees

	FIRST COMMITTEE			SECOND COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 4	10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2
			3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

	SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)			THIRD COMMITTEE	
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber	3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Monday, 25 October, and Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will hold its 199th meeting on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Draft report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1999/CRP.1)

2. Other matters

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The Committee on Information will resume its twenty-first session on Monday, 1 November 1999, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites (A/AC.198/1999/9). For further information, delegations may contact the Committee secretariat at (212) 963-7216.

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 25 October, to Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed session of the Economic and Social Council will take place on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Chamber. The provisional agenda is contained in document E/1999/120*. The agenda items to be discussed on 26 October are the following:

1. Non-governmental organizations [12]

   Status of Christian Solidarity International

2. Economic and environmental questions [13]

   (a) Sustainable development

   Report of the Committee on Development Policy: graduation of Maldives from the list of Least Developed Countries;

   (g) Transportation of dangerous goods

3. Date of election of the President of the Council for the year 2000 [1]

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* To be issued.

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There will be a meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Board of the International Monetary Fund on Thursday, 28 October, in the afternoon. The meeting will cover the outcomes of the September meeting of the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund and of the annual substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, as well as major issues before the General Assembly, highly indebted poor countries and poverty eradication, and post conflict peace building.

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M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing, originally scheduled for Tuesday, 26 October 1999, will now take place on Friday, 29 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11. a.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Monday, 25 October, from 6.15 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5, and on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. and from 6.15 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a meeting to pay tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius K. Nyerere, on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1.

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There will be a meeting, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of Parliamentarians attending the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Najma Akbarali Heptulla, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council. All Parliamentarians are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be meetings of Legal Advisers at 3 p.m. on Monday, 25 October and on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, in Conference Room 6.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on the plenary draft resolution on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons on Monday, 25 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

The potential co-sponsors and interested delegations will hold a meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, on the First Committee draft resolution under agenda item 68 (Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification) on Monday, 25 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Presentation

There will be a presentation of the United Nations Development Programme on NetAid to the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 27 October 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. All members of permanent missions, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Russian Federation, the United Arab Emirates, Argentina, Côte d' Ivoire, Sudan, Nigeria, Japan, Botswana, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Trinidad and Tobago, Ghana, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Venezuela and the Bahamas.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin Thursday, 21 October 1999, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Frank Smyth (Ireland).

Pattern of Conferences [124]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the Russian Federation, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Ghana, Morocco and Cuba.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences made a concluding statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement and replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Friday, 22 October 1999, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Ms. Radhia Achouri (Tunisia).

12th meeting

Joint Inspection Unit [123]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), Norway, Turkey, Algeria and Cuba.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

The representative of the Department of Management replied to a question posed.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be announced at a later date.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procurement reform

The representative of Pakistan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.8.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Algeria, Canada, the United States, Uganda, China, Mexico, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Norway and Egypt.

Following a suspension of the meeting, and a proposal by the Chairman to amend section VIII of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee then adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, (A/C.5/54/L.8) as orally amended.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN Countries), Cuba, Thailand, Algeria, Canada and the United States.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account

The representative of Uganda, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.11 and informed the Committee on the results of the informal consultations.

In light of the statement made by the coordinator, the representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), requested that the draft resolution contained in A/C.5/54/L.11 be held in abeyance.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to continue informal consultations on this question.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Thursday, 21 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

37th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/54/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the Republic of Korea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Chile, Zambia, Sweden, Cyprus, Jamaica, Yemen and Malta.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council (A/54/2).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 11.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

The Committee began its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.1 and, in that connection, the representative of China made a statement.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.3.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 13th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Turkey, Ethiopia, Ecuador, Haiti, Nepal, Georgia, Tunisia, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, Chile, Argentina, Costa Rica, Nigeria, Israel, Malawi, Angola and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.2* without a vote.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard an introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on the Use of Mercenaries to Undermine the Right of the Peoples to Self-determination.

A statement was made by the Deputy to the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on behalf of the Special Rapporteur on Measures to Combat Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance.

A statement was also made by the Deputy to the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on behalf of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Special Rapporteur on the Use of Mercenaries to Undermine the Right of the Peoples to Self-determination and the Deputy to the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights responded to questions raised by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Liechtenstein, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Austria.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, South Africa (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, (as well as on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), Senegal, Cuba, Ecuador, Ukraine and Congo.

Organization of work

It was announced that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under the two items had been extended to Tuesday, 26 October, at 6 p.m.

20th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.10

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Algeria, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Kyrgyzstan, Jamaica, Japan, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Portugal, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Spain, Tajikistan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Mongolia orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.3

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1999/19, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.3.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.5

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1999/21, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.5.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.6

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1999/22, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.6.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.13

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Netherlands orally revised the text and announced that Azerbaijan, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea Bissau, Jamaica, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, the Philippines and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Malawi, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.17/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway corrected the text and announced that Barbados, Benin, the Dominican Republic, Georgia, Grenada, Japan, Latvia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Panama, Poland, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Moldova had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Armenia, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Paraguay, the Philippines, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Uganda, Ukraine, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as corrected, without a vote.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Jamaica and Hungary.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 12th and 13th meetings

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [158]

Statements were made by the representatives of Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), San Marino, Egypt, Ecuador, Canada, Croatia, Pakistan, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Venezuela, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Lesotho, Ghana, Thailand, the Sudan, Mongolia, China, the United States, Ukraine and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, as well as by the observer for Switzerland.

The representative of Bulgaria also spoke.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1999

1789th and 1790th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Morocco (CCPR/C/115/Add.1).

The Committee then continued its consideration of a draft general comment on article 3 of the Covenant.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [8]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Accession: Nigeria (19 October 1999)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: South Africa (21 October 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Nations Day

On the occasion of the celebration of United Nations Day, the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General will be hosting a concert *today*, 22 October 1999, at 7 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The concert will be a tribute to "Duke" Ellington on the 100th anniversary of his birth and a celebration of his service as Music Ambassador to the world.

The Concert will feature the Duke Ellington Orchestra with George Duke as Musical Director, and the Billy Taylor Trio. The evening will also feature such famous performers as Nancy Wilson, Eartha Kitt, Gregory Hines, Bobby Short, Lena Horne, Jerry Butler, the Esther Marrow Gospel Singers, Dianne Reeves, Grady Tate, Kenny Burrel, Take 6, The Dells, Marcus Printup, Ernie Andrews, Jon Hendricks, and others.

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Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during Disarmament Week of 1999. *Today*, 22 October 1999, the third panel on the theme "The New Agenda Coalition, The Tokyo Forum and Other Initiatives to Reduce Nuclear Dangers" will be held at 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Special events

On the occasion of the celebration of Cuban National Culture Day, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations will present the Grammy-Award Winners for the Best Tropical Latin Album, "Buena Vista Social Club". The ceremony will take place *today*, 22 October 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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In connection with the celebration of United Nations Day, Mrs. Nane Annan will take part in a special event for children, "When you wish upon a star", on Saturday, 23 October 1999, at 10 a.m. on the Visitors' Plaza. The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Walt Disney Company. There will be live appearances by characters from Disney animated films, and by young actor Haley Joel Osment. The Disney characters and Mr. Osment will present Mrs. Annan with a time capsule that will contain wishes and dreams of children around the world for the new millennium. Mrs. Annan and Mr. Osment will be the first to place their wishes in the capsule. Following the event on the Visitors' Plaza, there will be free screenings of the film "Pinocchio" at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, for children of delegates, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

Photography exhibit

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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